

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application

1. (Currently Amended): A multilayered molten resin mass for obtaining a multilayered compression-molded product by compression molding, the multilayered molten resin mass defining a top and a bottom thereof, comprising:

a first resin to form inner layer and outer layer of a molded product; and

a second resin to form an intermediate resin layer embedded within the first resin,

wherein the second resin is of a concave shape with respect to the top side and positioned closer to the bottom than to the top, and

wherein the second resin is shaped such that ~~Z (total length) ≥ y (length of umbrella part of second resin) ≥ L (length of central part of second resin), and 1 > d_o (maximum outer diameter of second resin in direction of circumference)/D (outer diameter of multilayered molten resin mass in direction of circumference) ≥ 0.5~~ the following relations are satisfied:

$$\underline{Z > y > L},$$

$$\underline{1 > d_o/D \geq 0.5},$$

$$\underline{t/Z \leq 0.1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\underline{(Z - y - t) > t},$$

wherein Z is a total length of the multilayered molten resin mass, y is a length of umbrella part of the second resin, L is a length of central part of the second resin, d_o is a maximum outer diameter of the second resin in direction of circumference, D is an outer diameter of the multilayered molten resin mass in direction of circumference, and t is a

distance between a lower end of the multilayered molten resin mass and a lower end of the second resin.

2. (Previously Presented): The multilayered molten resin mass according to claim 1, wherein a distance from the lower end of the second resin to the bottom of the multilayered molten resin mass is 10% or less of the entire length between the top and the bottom of the multilayered molten resin mass.

3-8. (Cancelled).